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## 1 December 1982

The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

WHEN ATTACHMENT IS REMOVED

Dear Mr. Casey:

In 1976 the House Armed Services Committee requested an analysis and an annual report of the Agency's administration of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. The annual reports, of which this is the seventh, are now submitted to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The primary purpose of this annual study is to review the Agency's exercise of discretion to designate employees for participation in CIARDS, and to ascertain whether the Agency is carrying out the Congressional intent that the System be maintained for a limited number of employees.

There were no changes in the law, the regulations, or Agency policy during the fiscal year ending 30 September 1982 that will have any bearing on the exercise of discretion to designate employees for participation, or in determining what service is qualifying for CIARDS.

The Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Board and the Director of Personnel, acting under your delegated authority, have determined what service is qualifying for CIARDS participation in full compliance with the law, regulations, and established Agency policies. They consistently followed a policy of conservative application of very strict criteria, and extensive review has revealed no deviations or exceptions.

In my opinion the Agency continues to exercise its discretionary authority, and to administer the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, in a manner wholly consistent with the intent of Congress.

	Sincerely yours,	
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